Gujarat Government's representation for enhancing Paraffin Wax quota

2206. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a representation has been made by the Gujarat Government for increasing the allocation of Paraffin Wax to 4600 MT per annum; and

(b) if so, what decision the Central Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJAMAN BEHERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Paraffin wax is a deficit product and allocation to States depends upon the availability of the product. Presently, the availability of paraffin wax is far less than the total requirement of various States/Union Territories including Gujarat and, therefore it has not been possible to increase the allocation.

Self-sufficiency in the field of vaccines

2207. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Universal Immunization Programme is likely to achieve its target by the end of this year;

(b) whether the country today is self-sufficient in the field of measles and oral polio vaccines; and

(c) if not, what measures Government propose to take for self-sufficiency in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c) The Universal Immunization Programme has the objective to achieve immunization coverage level of at least 85 per cent of the infants with DPT, Oral Polio Vaccine BCG and Measles Vaccine and 100 per cent in regard to pregnant women with Tatanus Toxid by 1990 and also to achieve self-sufficiency in respect of those vaccines production. So far as the coverage is concerned, by March, 1990, as reported by States/Union Territories 82-89 per cent coverage has been achieved in regard to DPT, Oral Polio and BCG while 69 per cent coverage has been achieved in regard to Measles in infants and Tatanus Toxoid for pregnant women.

The country has achieved self-sufficiency in the production of all vacancies required in the immunization Programme except Oral Polio Vaccine. Steps have been taken by the Department of Biotechnology to produce 100 million doses of Oral Polio Vaccine in the country so as to achieve self-sufficiency in the same.

Enquiry into irregularities in Punjab State Electricity Board

2208. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered a vigilance enquiry into some alleged irregularities in the Punjab State Electricity Board;

(b) if so, what are the details of the irregularities noticed by Government; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Smuggling of Coal from Orissa coal mines

2209. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that smuggling of coal on a large scale is taking place from the Orissa coal mines; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to combat coal smuggling?